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Missouri's unemployment rate jumps in June
Weakness in manufacturing sector continues to hurt economy

JEFFERSON CITY --The state's unemployment rate increased by seven-tenths of a point to 4.3 percent as national economic conditions took their toll on manufacturing and business services, weakening Missouri's labor market conditions further in June.

The state's June unemployment rate is the highest rate recorded since July 1998. Part of this jump is the usual seasonal increase that occurs in June, as some students and others entering the labor force for the summer don't immediately find jobs. However, this June's increase is larger than that typical for the month. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the jobless rate increased by three-tenths of a point to 4.1 percent, also the highest measure since 1998.

The labor force grew by more than 50,000, exceeding 3 million for the first time in Missouri's history. Total employment – the estimated number of employed individuals -- picked up seasonally in June, growing by more than 30,000 in the month to nearly 2.9 million. Even so, this fell short of the usual seasonal gain in June, and seasonally adjusted total employment dipped by nearly 5,000 to more than 2.85 million individuals.

Non-farm payroll employment – a measure of the number of jobs in the state – fell in June. Industry detail data (not seasonally adjusted) show a drop of 3,500 jobs in durable goods manufacturing. About two-thirds of this was in the motor vehicles and equipment industry, primarily the result of layoffs in St. Louis.

"In the last year, Missouri's economy has been negatively impacted by a significant number of job losses in manufacturing," said Joseph L. Driskill, director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. "I believe we have reached a critical point at which government and the private sector need to work together to formulate a plan to help Missouri's manufacturers compete more successfully in our global economy. It is imperative that we look for new ways to strengthen our existing manufacturing base and attract new manufacturers to Missouri."

Over the past year, payroll employment in the state is estimated to have dropped by nearly 22,000 jobs, or 0.8 percent. Over-the-year employment change turned negative in May, with the decline widening in June. Manufacturing as a whole has lost more than 25,000 jobs, with the durable goods industries accounting for a net loss of nearly 18,000 jobs. Employment in business services has fallen by more than 17,500 jobs over the year. Retail trade employment has slipped slightly, as has employment in personal services and amusement and recreation services. Federal government employment is down by more than 5,500 jobs over the year, but last year's total included the effects of temporary employment to conduct Census operations.

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Non-durable goods employment was up by 200 jobs over the month. Employment growth in construction and a number of service-producing industries basically offset the declines in manufacturing and business services. Construction continued to be a relatively bright spot, growing by more than 5,000 jobs in June. Seasonal improvement is normal in the summer, but even seasonally adjusted employment grew by nearly 2,000 individuals.

Changes in the service-producing sector were dominated by the educational services industry, where payroll employment usually falls sharply after the end of the spring semester. Public schools and colleges show up in state and local government, where employment dropped by 5,300 and 5,900 jobs respectively. Recreational and other summer jobs in local government offset some of the losses resulting from school closings. Employment in private educational services decreased by 3,400 jobs over the month. Employment in eating and drinking places dropped by 2,000 jobs in June. Other trade industries showed moderate over-the-month growth. Employment in business services continued to fall sharply in June, losing another 2,200 jobs.

Service industries showing good growth over the year include private educational services (7,100 jobs), health services (5,500 jobs), social services (3,300 jobs), and membership organizations (2,400 jobs). The finance, insurance, and real estate industries collectively have grown by 2,900 jobs since June 2000. Wholesale trade of durable goods was up by 3,000 jobs, while the transportation, communications and utilities sector grew by nearly 3,000. Construction employment is about the same as it was a year ago.

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MISSOURI UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
FOR METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs), LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs), AND COUNTIES
CURRENT MONTH (JUNE 2001), PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS (APRIL AND MAY 2001), AND YEAR AGO (JUNE 2000)

	JUN 2001	MAY 2001	APR 2001	JUN 2000		JUN 2001	MAY 2001	APR 2001	JUN 2000
U.S. (not seasonally adjusted)	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	Atchison	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.9
MISSOURI	4.3	3.6	3.8	3.6	Audrain	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.9
ST. LOUIS MSA	4.7	3.8	4.0	4.1	Barton	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.2
Franklin	5.1	3.5	4.0	3.2	Bates	6.0	5.1	4.7	4.5
Jefferson	4.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	Benton	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.2
Lincoln	4.1	3.6	4.3	3.7	Caldwell	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.3
St. Charles	3.0	2.3	2.9	2.5	Carroll	4.9	4.6	4.5	3.8
St. Louis County	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	Cedar	5.0	4.5	4.5	3.2
Warren	3.9	3.4	4.1	3.0	Chariton	6.1	4.7	4.8	4.1
St. Louis City	7.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	Clark	6.2	6.1	6.3	4.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.5	Cooper	3.5	2.5	3.1	2.8
Cass	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.8	Crawford	6.1	4.8	5.1	5.5
Clay	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	Dade	3.7	3.2	3.2	4.9
Clinton	3.5	2.7	2.9	2.8	Dallas	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.3
Jackson	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	Daviess	4.5	4.0	5.1	2.9
Lafayette	4.1	3.4	3.3	4.0	DeKalb	4.4	2.5	3.0	3.2
Platte	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	Dent	9.2	8.0	7.5	6.7
Ray	4.0	3.2	3.4	5.0	Douglas	7.6	6.9	7.8	6.2
SPRINGFIELD MSA	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.6	Dunklin	6.8	6.1	5.7	4.6
Christian	3.1	2.9	3.6	2.6	Gasconade	4.6	3.5	4.4	3.0
Greene	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6	Gentry	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.2
Webster	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.2	Grundy	3.4	2.8	3.3	2.8
JOPLIN MSA	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	Harrison	2.9	2.4	3.3	2.6
Jasper	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.5	Henry	5.7	5.6	5.2	3.5
Newton	5.6	3.8	4.0	4.6	Hickory	7.6	7.4	7.7	6.4
COLUMBIA MSA	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.5	Holt	4.7	3.3	3.9	3.6
Boone	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.5	Howard	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.8
ST. JOSEPH MSA	5.4	4.1	4.1	3.4	Iron	7.2	6.0	6.0	7.0
Andrew	5.2	3.8	3.7	3.1	Johnson	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.3
Buchanan	5.5	4.2	4.2	3.5	Knox	3.5	4.1	5.3	2.9
ADAIR-SCHUYLER LMA	3.3	2.7	3.4	2.4	Laclede	6.1	5.0	5.5	4.1
Adair	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.2	Lewis	3.6	3.8	4.6	2.7
Schuyler	4.0	3.5	4.9	3.7	Linn	7.6	5.0	4.8	6.3
BUTLER-CARTER-RIPLEY LMA	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.6	Livingston	2.8	3.0	3.5	2.1
Butler	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.6	McDonald	5.0	3.9	4.0	3.9
Carter	6.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	Macon	8.7	8.5	9.7	4.7
Ripley	6.5	6.6	5.5	6.0	Madison	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.6
CAMDEN-MILLER LMA	4.2	4.0	4.8	3.2	Mercer	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.1
Camden	3.8	4.0	4.7	2.8	Monroe	6.9	6.2	6.3	5.1
Miller	4.8	4.0	4.9	4.0	Montgomery	5.4	3.8	4.9	4.4
CAPE GIRARDEAU-SCOTT-NEW MADRID LMA	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.1	Morgan	5.5	5.0	5.8	3.1
Bollinger	5.3	5.5	5.3	4.5	Nodaway	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.5
Cape Girardeau	4.1	3.4	3.3	3.0	Ozark	4.5	4.8	5.2	3.9
Mississippi	8.6	7.9	8.2	5.9	Pemiscot	9.7	7.1	7.0	6.6
New Madrid	7.9	6.2	6.6	5.9	Perry	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
Scott	5.4	5.1	5.5	4.9	Pettis	5.8	4.6	4.7	3.9
COLE-CALLAWAY-MONITEAU LMA	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.2	Pike	4.7	3.7	3.9	4.2
Callaway	3.7	2.8	2.7	3.2	Polk	5.2	4.7	3.7	2.8
Cole	3.5	2.3	2.3	2.8	Pulaski	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.0
Moniteau	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.4	Putnam	2.4	3.5	3.0	2.7
Osage	5.4	4.3	4.1	5.3	Randolph	5.9	4.5	5.0	5.3
HOWELL-OREGON-SHANNON LMA	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.8	Reynolds	9.8	9.0	9.5	9.1
Howell	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.8	St. Clair	5.8	5.6	5.0	4.3
Oregon	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	Ste. Genevieve	5.5	4.4	4.2	4.2
Shannon	4.9	4.8	5.1	3.9	Saline	4.1	2.9	3.1	3.3
LAWRENCE-BARRY LMA	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.5	Scotland	4.2	2.6	3.4	2.9
Barry	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.1	Shelby	6.8	5.1	6.1	6.0
Lawrence	4.8	4.4	4.3	3.8	Stoddard	5.7	5.0	5.3	4.3
MARION-RALLS LMA	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.9	Stone	5.0	5.8	9.2	4.1
Marion	5.1	4.8	4.8	5.0	Sullivan	3.2	3.8	3.5	2.1
Ralls	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.5	Taney	3.6	4.4	7.3	2.9
PHELPS-MARIES LMA	4.0	3.1	3.3	3.5	Texas	6.4	5.6	5.4	6.5
Maries	6.3	3.8	4.0	4.1	Vernon	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.7
Phelps	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.3	Wayne	10.6	9.4	9.7	8.6
ST. FRANCOIS-WASHINGTON LMA	7.6	6.2	6.2	6.8	Worth	5.6	4.0	4.6	5.7
St. Francois	7.1	5.9	6.2	6.6	Wright	8.3	7.4	7.7	5.5
Washington	9.0	6.7	6.2	7.2					

NOTE: DATA FOR COUNTIES WITHIN MSAs/LMAs ARE DISAGGREGATED FROM MSA/LMA TOTALS.

NOTE: DATA FOR 2000 ARE PROVISIONAL -- NOT YET OFFICIAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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